

# Anchor Clanker

Spring 2019

## President's Message

Dear Sisters,

After that bitterly cold winter, I am so glad to finally be enjoying the sunshine and spring weather! I hope you are finding ways to celebrate the spring season with your family and friends. Spring always is an exciting time for Delta Gamma. Founders Day is my favourite way to kick-off the spring season. Each year, I am filled with pride for our organization as we recognize the accomplishments of our sisters, and celebrate our sisterhood. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us this year, your presence truly made the day wonderful! If you were not able to join for this year's Founders Day, I hope that you will consider joining us next year. Watch for a save the date in the fall edition of the Anchor Clanker.

In November, we were excited to host our Regional Alumnae Specialist, Lynn for a weekend in Edmonton. She was able to share in our much-loved tradition of Cream Brunch, and was able to join in on the Initiation ceremony at Beta Beta. We had so much fun showing her around the town, and she loved meeting our fabulous alumnae. In December, we hosted our annual holiday party to celebrate the season. It was a wonderful evening filled with laughter and great conversation.

We are looking forward to welcoming our newest alumnae members next month. On May 9, we will be hosting a welcome evening for the new alumnae. Please consider joining us for this event, it is a great way to connect with new sisters, and share the value of lifetime membership with our newest alumnae.

We are still seeking members who are willing to take on leadership positions on our board. There are many positions open, and our nominating committee has been hard at work to put together a slate, unfortunately, many of the positions have not yet been filled. Please consider taking on a role on the executive board. We are looking to fill the two-year positions of president, vp: communications, and vp: membership. The vp: programming position is also open, for a one-year appointment. Please get in touch if you would like more information about any of these roles. Thank you to our current executive team for all of the hard work you put into making our alumnae group successful!

With summer approaching, we are excited to launch our summer series of fun, casual events. Watch Facebook for more information on dates and events. Special Interest Groups are also a great way to stay involved and connected with sisters over the summer. Our Facebook group has more details on these groups.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or feedback, please feel free to contact me. I am available by e-mail at [earles@ualberta.ca](mailto:earles@ualberta.ca), or in the evenings, by phone at 780-619-2779.

ITB,  
Erin Earles  
President, Edmonton Alumnae Chapter

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# Foundation Focus



At **noon on Saturday, April 27**, we will be hosting a "B Kind" **barre class** at **Studio B Fitness YEG**'s Holland Plaza location (11996 109A Avenue) taught by our very own vice president: membership, **Jaclyn Hutchinson!**

Spots are **\$20.00** per person with all proceeds from the class going to our philanthropies, the Delta Gamma Foundation and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind! To reserve your spot, send an etransfer to [edmontondues@gmail.com](mailto:edmontondues@gmail.com). Make sure to include your name and "barre" in your message so we know you are registering for the class. There are only **twenty-six spots** available, so make sure to reserve yours today!

If you have any questions about the event, please feel free to contact your Edmonton alumnae executive board at [edmontondgalum@gmail.com](mailto:edmontondgalum@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, April 27!

# Dues News

Thank you to our 2018/2019 dues paying members for your support!

Allison Capron	Linda Vanbrabant
Belinda Spilak	Lisa Glover
Christie Harty	Lisa Saxby
Christine Fallowfield	Mallory McMurtrie
Clare Venner	Lussier
Emmy Stuebing	Marissa Poon
Erin Borden	Megen Nash
Erin Earles	Melissa Turnbull
Isabella Mraz Nelson	Michelle Jones
Jaclyn Hutchinson	Monique DeCoursey
Jane Halpin Kring	Noel Boucher-Le
Jenna Lee	Olivia Ostrom Finn
Jennifer Anderson-Wong	Sara Kpsch
Kathy Krause Fitzgerald	Sarah Flowers Eggert
Kelly Paulsen	Serena Tang
Kim Simon	Stephanie Padayas
Krista Nelson-Marciano	Tiffany Lawrence Whorrie



Thank you for attending another successful Founders Day! We welcomed approximately 55 Alumnae and 44 Collegians to honour our founders. Thank you for your support! Without you, these events cannot take place.

There will be a financial report released later this year to show how the Alumnae Chapter is managing dues. Stay tuned!

If you still need to pay your local dues, it is not too late!

This years' tiers:

Bronze \$25-44

Pink \$45-74

Blue \$75+

As a reminder, you are entitled to vote on Alumnae matters (including officers), and you have the opportunity to gain additional benefits at fundraising events.

Dues can be paid by e-transfer to [edmontondues@gmail.com](mailto:edmontondues@gmail.com), or by cheque made out to "Edmonton Delta Gamma Alumnae Chapter" and mailed to:

Megen Nash

16429A 106 Avenue

Edmonton, AB, T5P 0X1

Thank you for supporting your Edmonton Alumnae Chapter.

ITB,

Megen Nash

vp: finance, Edmonton Alumnae Chapter

# Around Town

## Upcoming Events

April 27: "B Kind" Barre Class for the Delta Gamma Foundation and CNIB

May 9: New Alumnae Mixer

May 28: Elections

June 27: Art Gallery of Alberta

July 20: Farmers' Market

August 14: Patio Night



Edmonton alumnae with RAS Lynn Ray at Cream Brunch 2018!

## Elections 2019

All local dues-paying members (for the 2018-2019 fiscal year) will be eligible to vote for incoming executive board members! We will be electing the following positions this year:

- president
- vice president: communications
- vice president: membership
- vice president: programming

The following position is also up for appointment:

- director: Cream Brunch

If you are interested in running for a position, you can do so in three easy steps:

1. Pay your local dues! You must be a dues-paying member to sit on the executive board. The current fiscal year runs July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. If you are unsure if you've paid, please contact Megen at [edmontondues@gmail.com](mailto:edmontondues@gmail.com).
2. Write a short paragraph explaining why you would be a good fit for the position and any ideas you have for the position. Send your paragraph to [edmontondgalum@gmail.com](mailto:edmontondgalum@gmail.com) by May 14, 2019.
3. Help get the word out that elections will be held on May 28, 2019!

How do elections work?

1. All nominations will be collected and reviewed by our nominating committee.
2. The nominating committee will create a slate of officers.
3. Members will be e-mailed a slate to review prior to elections.
4. All current local dues-paying members will be eligible to vote at our meeting on May 28, 2019.

For more information about elections, please review the position description and resume documents under the Files section of the Edmonton Delta Gamma Alumnae Chapter Official Group on Facebook. If you have any questions about the elections process or about a specific position, please feel free to contact a current member of the executive board.

# Around Town

## New Alumnae Mixer

Date: Thursday, May 9

Time: 5-7 p.m.

Location: Blowers & Grafton Pub (10550 82 Avenue NW)

Join us in welcoming the recent graduates of Beta Beta – Alberta to alumnae life! Enjoy a drink and a bite to eat with sisters while meeting our newest alumnae!



The Loder/Patterson/Stuebing family at Founders Day 2019.

Left to right: **Marcia Loder** (BB 2015), **Lauren Loder Patterson** (BB 2005), **Nicole McKay** (BB 2019), **Trish Stuebing McKay** (BB 1981), **Linda Stuebing** (BB 1969), and **Emmy Stuebing** (BB 1997).

## Summer Series 2019

Our popular Summer Series is back for another year! Spend your summer with your sisters at our various fun get-togethers!

### Free Admission Night at the AGA

Date: Thursday, June 27, 2019

Time: 5-8 p.m.

Location: Art Gallery of Alberta

### City Farmers' Market

Date: Saturday, July 20, 2019

Time: 10-12 p.m.

Location: 10299 97 Street NW

### Patio Night

Date: Wednesday, August 14, 2019

Time: 5-7 p.m.

Location: TBA

# Founders Day 2019

On Sunday, March 10, 2019, 57 alumnae from the Edmonton alumnae chapter and Calgary alumnae association gathered with 44 collegians from Beta Beta – Alberta to celebrate 145 years of our Delta Gamma sisterhood! We enjoyed a delicious brunch and celebrated the accomplishments and milestones of our sisters! From First Founders Day to anniversaries and awards, we are excited for another 145 years of sisterhood and “doing good” in Delta Gamma!



New members of Beta Beta – Alberta celebrating their First Founders Day!



Newly engaged  
DGs **Erin Earles**  
(BB 2009) and  
**Amy Stevens** (BB  
2005).



Anniversary members celebrating  
milestone years in Delta Gamma. From left  
to right: 25 year members **Jane Halpin**  
**Kring**, **Christie Harty**, and **Michelle**  
**Hoover** (all BB 1994) and fifty year  
member **Linda Stuebing** (BB 1969).

# Founders Day 2019

## Award Winners 2019

Delta Gamma Cable Award: Lisa Glover

Edmonton Alumnae Chapter Virginia Van Vliet Award: Sarah Lorentz

Beta Beta Alumna of the Year Award: Jenna Lee



Cable Award winner **Lisa Glover** (BB 2002; right) with award presenter **Lauren Loder Patterson** (BB 2005).



Past winners of the Virginia Van Vliet award gather with **Vicki Van Vliet Vaitkunas** (BU 1957) and the newest recipient, **Sarah Lorentz** (center holding award; BB 2008).



Alumna of the Year: ATC **Jenna Lee** (BB 2009).

# Founders Day 2019 Survey



**Joan Morrison** (BB 1951) and  
**Mary Joan Covey** (BB 1948)  
celebrate 68 and 71 years of  
membership at Founder's Day.

We are looking for your feedback on Founders Day! Please take a few minutes to complete our Founders Day survey so that we can ensure that this time-honoured event continues to bring us together to celebrate our Delta Gamma sisterhood!

To access the survey, please go to this link by copying and pasting it into your browser:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfKJdLqdZ6qModEkstnRGzyMAM1lt-t29T3ysectXC60Uihqg/viewform>.



Members of the Fall 2008 member class  
gather for their annual photo at  
Founders Day 2019.

# Anniversary Member Spotlight

**Christie Harty** (BB 1994) celebrates twenty-five years of membership in Delta Gamma by reflecting on her time in the Fraternity.

## What initially drew you to Delta Gamma?

I was drawn to Delta Gamma from the very first night of Rush, as we called it back then. Delta Gamma just felt like home. The members took a genuine interest in me, were wonderful at putting me at ease, and were truly engaging and inspiring people. There was no one DG “type” and I really appreciated that they valued each other’s talents and strengths. Many of the ladies I met that week shaped my life and are still a huge part of it today.

## What was your favourite part about being a collegiate member?

My favourite part of collegiate life was just being surrounded by like-minded women. Funny, driven, caring and giving people who supported me no matter what. X-Files nights, Club Malibu dancing, 80s movies and cheesecake in the basement, crying over some boy, trips, study hours, exchanges and Earls and Macs runs at any time of the day or night...there was always someone there to share life's moments with. University life would have been so very different if I had just gone to classes then gone home! I also credit the busy nature of the Greek life calendar and all its anchored events with helping me learn to manage time effectively. My favourite year was probably being a senior and living in the house with both my little sisters, what an amazing year that was.



Twenty-five year member **Christie Harty** (BB 1994) at Beta Beta – Alberta's Bid Day as a collegian in 1996.

# Anniversary Member Spotlight



**Christie** attending Delta Gamma formal in 1997 with her Delta Gamma sisters.

**What changes do you see in the local chapter and/or Greek life now compared to 25 years ago? What things have stayed the same?**  
The house has been renovated beautifully and some rules and regulations have changed but the feel of Delta Gamma sisterhood is still present for me. I was grateful to be able to attend 2 of my 3 DG nieces initiation events and was amazed at how it brought me back like no time had passed at all. Serving on the local alumnae executive also solidified that for me. I am much older than most of those ladies yet they welcomed me as a sister immediately and I had that “at home” feeling once again.

## **What has lifelong membership meant to you?**

Being a Delta Gamma has shaped every part of my life. It has brought me my best friends, my Lambda Chi Alpha husband, and connected me to an amazing network of supportive women. I love that I can pick up with a sister I have not seen in a while or meet a brand new sister and have conversation be as easy and genuine as if we had been talking daily for life. That bond is truly for life and our ideals do attract an amazing membership base.

## **Any funny DG stories or wisdom to share?**

Remember it is truly a lifelong membership, not just 4 years. DG sisters WILL be there for you in both the best and worst times. You can count on it. So blessed to have found Delta Gamma.

# Collegiate Corner



Graduating members of Beta Beta  
at Founders Day 2019.

From running one of our most successful Desserts with DG philanthropy events where we raised over \$1300 in two hours, to fully initiating 23 members into our sisterhood, to getting all dressed up for formal season, and to being able to celebrate our founders all together with our alum for Founders Day, we couldn't have asked for a better five months here in Beta Beta. The love, passion, and joy for this organization and our sisterhood has been ever-present throughout the cold winter months. We've made it such a long way from the beginning of the year as a chapter and cannot believe the school year is wrapping up. As ready as we are to say goodbye to the academic school year, we are still not prepared to say goodbye to our senior members. Although we are sad to see them leave chapter, we couldn't be more excited to see them journey off and do good in the world. Finally, we are incredibly fortunate to have had the support that we have from the Edmonton Alumnae Chapter and want to express our gratitude for your guys' undying dedication to this organization. We wish you all a beautiful summer!

ITB,  
Amanda Brooks  
vp: communications, Beta Beta – Alberta



Members of the Chapter  
Management Team visited  
Executive Offices in February 2019  
for Institute.

# Calgary Alumnae Association



Calgary alumnae at the 2018 Run for the Cure in October.



Calgary alumnae attending Founders Day 2019 in Edmonton.



Calgary DGs at their Operation Christmas Child event in December 2018.

In the fall, we participated in the CIBC Run for the Cure. It was a cold run/walk this year, but we prevailed dressed in pink from head to toe. In November we volunteered with the Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child. We helped to sort gift boxes for children in need in third world countries. This January we held elections. Our entire executive team has rotated positions and we are all holding new positions. We look forward to having fresh new ideas in each section of our team. Our executive members teamed up to make the chocolate lollipops for Edmonton's Founders Day and four of our executive members carpooled up from Calgary to celebrate with our sisters. We are proud to announce that we have contributed to the Foundation and officially have a Brick engraved with our name.

Lastly, we started the Calgary group 10 year ago, and will be hosting a special anniversary spring brunch in June to celebrate!

ITB,  
Sabina Reid  
President, Calgary Delta Gamma Alumnae Association

# House Corporation Update

Beta Beta House Corporation has had many big renovations in the past couple years, so this summer we will be tackling a much smaller project this summer. Due to the condition of the two hot water tanks, we will be replacing them, which also allows us to have summer renters again this year.

We held our last meeting with the outgoing collegiate members, **Kelsey Saxby MacKay**, **Ceara Kelly**, and **Jessica Knox** in January, and welcomed the new incoming collegiate members, **Dani Dreger**, **Holly Gerrard**, and **Natasha Pasemko** in February. We also welcomed a new member to our board during our Annual General Meeting, **Melissa Turnbull** (BB 2008) was voted in as a director. We will have one more board meeting on April 16, where we will be voting for a new secretary, discuss logistics of our summer project, and wrap up the year before summer break. I am excited to share that we will also hold a summer social this year, where the board members can unwind, socialize, and discuss any important issues that may arise over the break.

We are always excited to have new members join our group, if you are interested in getting involved please feel free to contact myself or any of our current board members. There are various ways to serve on the board that can accommodate all schedules. Join us!

ITB,  
Belinda Spilak  
President, Beta Beta House Corporation



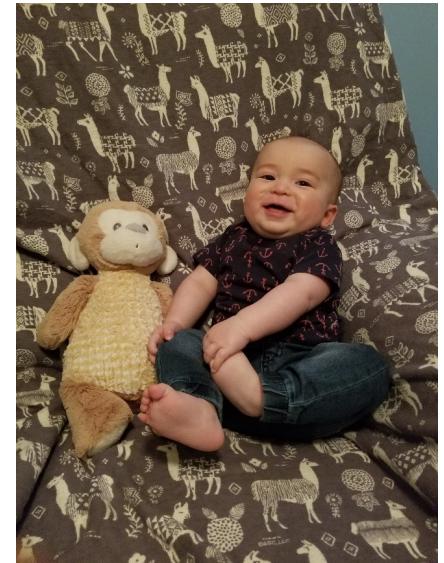
# Eye on Alumnae



**Tia Luker** (BB 2007) got married with two of DG sisters by her side. **Jenny Jones** (BB 2008) was a bridesmaid and **Sabina Bassit Reid** (BB 2004) was an honorary bridesmaid. Sabina sat at the head table and was in the pictures and all - we just couldn't get her dress in time - stupid nursing school!). Tia was married to her love of 7 years, Amber, in Mexico on February 8, 2019.



**Jen (Anderson) Wong** (BB 2005) welcomed her second Anchor Man, Maxfield Wong, to the world on October 10, 2018. Max enjoys jumping in his jolly jumper, watching his crazy brother run around, and being outside. He's also super handsome. This picture is Max celebrating his 6 month birthday!



**Dianne Makoweicki Gereluk, PhD** (BB 1991) has been appointed dean of the Werklund School of Education at the University of Calgary. Upon joining the faculty at the university in 2010, Dianne was a visiting scholar and sessional instructor in education. She later went on to become an associate professor as well as chair of the educational leadership, policy and governance specialization. Dianne became the associate dean of undergraduate programs in education and while serving in this position she was promoted to professor in 2017.

# Eye on Alumnae



**Olivia Ostrom** (BB 2012) was married to her Phi Gamma Delta sweetheart, Maxwell Finn, on March 23, 2019 at the JW Marriott Las Vegas Resort and Spa in Las Vegas, Nevada. Several of Olivia's Delta Gamma sisters stood beside her on her big day while other DGs travelled to Las Vegas to celebrate with the newlyweds!



Little Love Bowtique has officially started! **Mallory McMurtrie Lussier** (BB 2007) started this business when her baby turned 1 after developing a bow addiction for her little girl. Little Love Bowtique is based in Central Alberta, but is willing to ship anywhere! Little Love has accessed high quality suppliers from the US and is always willing to accept customized orders. We specialize in personalized name bows, keychains for the bow mamas and are hoping to expand to baby moccasins soon! Find us and follow all the updates at [www.facebook.com/littlelovebowtiqueab](https://www.facebook.com/littlelovebowtiqueab).

# Eye on Alumnae



**Heather Garrett** (BB 2009) recently started her own custom cross stitch company, Made to Stitch It. The shop specializes in handmade cross stitch pieces that are either made to order, personalized, or selected from premade items on the shop's Facebook page. New items are added weekly! Check out Heather's shop at <https://www.facebook.com/madetostitchit/>.



**Nancy Frost Smith** and **Janice Chorney Sowden** (both BB 1989) spent a holiday in Manzanillo, Mexico in March 2019 celebrating 30 years of friendship that all began when they rushed Beta Beta together.

**Courtney Cahill Costco** (BB 2009) and her husband, Chris, welcomed a baby girl this past fall. Ava Marjorie Costco was born on October 16, 2018 weighing 7 lbs 8 oz and measuring 19 inches. Courtney is currently enjoying maternity leave!



# Stay Connected to Delta Gamma

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